



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Carolina Pacific Briquetting Plant
304 Thunderbolt Drive, Walterboro, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until October 12, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6354-NRP, will affect approximately 25 acres identified by Colleton County tax map #148-00-00-033. A company known as Pastille Properties LLC (Pastille Properties) wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Pastille Properties.

The property is bounded generally by Wellston Circle to the north with Rockford Manufacturing beyond; wooded fields to the east; wooded and grassy fields to the south with Sidneys Road and residential areas beyond; and Thunderbolt Drive to the west with the Lowcountry Regional Airport beyond. The property consists of a manufacturing building, paved areas, and smaller storage structures. The property has been unoccupied since Carolina Pacific Briquetting Company closed the plant in 2013.

Pastille Properties will acquire the property from the current owner and intends to manufacture pastilles. Past use has caused environmental contamination on the property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Pastille Properties to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental contamination. Pastille Properties did not cause the contamination but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Pastille Properties responsible for pre-existing contamination in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Pastille Properties will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination in the past. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

Under the proposed contract, Pastille Properties will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Pastille Properties will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through October 12, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mark Berenbrok at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.